

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

June 6, 2006

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Open Session of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board Members in attendance:

Carol Sepe

Carl DiRobbio, MD

Renee C Van Couyghen

Laurie Scripsack

Robin Dolan

Kim Crealey Rouillier

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

Charles Alexandre

Minutes of the meeting held May 10, 2006 were reviewed. On a motion by Robin Dolan, seconded by Carl DiRobbio, MD, it was unanimously voted to accept the Open minutes as presented.

The Board reviewed a letter addressed to the members from Frank Frausto, PT. Mr. Frausto stated concerns re: chiropractors practicing and/or advertising physiotherapy/physical therapy. As the Physical Therapy Board has no jurisdiction over chiropractors, members requested Mr. Frausto be informed to address his concerns to the Chiropractic Board. Mr. Frausto also expressed concern a notice of public hearing regarding proposed revisions to the physician rules and regulations was not posted in the Providence Journal. Pursuant to Section 42-35-3 of the Administrative Procedures Act, public hearing notices were authorized to be provided via electronic media thru the Secretary of State's Office. Authorization for said electronic notification commenced July 1, 2005 and expires June 30, 2006. Mr. Frausto will also be notified the proposed revisions to the physician regulations have been withdrawn by the Department.

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Per request of the Division of Facilities Regulation the Board discussed the modality of sharp debridement as it relates to the scope of practice of physical therapists. On a motion by Kim Creally Rouillier, seconded by Robin Dolan, the Board unanimously agreed this modality is within the scope of practice of physical therapists, and referred to its inclusion in the “Guide to Physical Therapist Practice” published by the American Physical Therapy Association. Further, reference was made to its inclusion in the “Normative Model for Physical Therapy”, part of the educational curriculum used by the University of Rhode Island.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On a motion by Laurie Sripsack, seconded by Robin Dolan, it was unanimously voted the Board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. Complaint #'s PT#2-2006, PT#3-2006 and PT#3-2005 were addressed.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order. On motion of Carol Sepe, seconded by Laurie Sripsack, it was unanimously voted too keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to

seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed. Board's final action: PT#2-2006 – complaint dismissed with a finding of no unprofessional conduct. PT #3-2006 – complaint dismissed with a finding of no unprofessional conduct with a letter of concern.

Adjournment

On a motion by Carol Sepe, seconded by Laurie Scripsack, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

Health Professionals Regulation